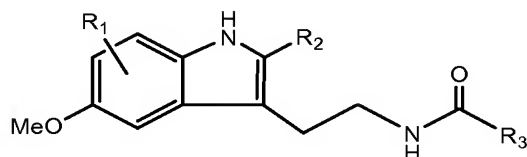


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-36. (Cancelled).

37. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula



wherein

R₁ is a halogen or nitro,

R₂ is C₄-C₂₀ aryl, and

R₃ is ~~C₄-C₂₀ alkyl, C₂-C₂₂ alkenyl, C₄-C₂₀ aryl, OR₄, SR₄, NR₄R₅, (CH₂)_nOR₄, (CH₂)_nSR₄, (CH₂)_nNR₄R₅ or (CH₂)_nCOR₅ wherein n is 0-10~~ methoxy, ethoxy, amino or

dimethylamino [[:]], and

R₄ and R₅, which can be the same or different, are hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl or C₄-C₁₀ aryl.

Claims 38-42. (Cancelled).

43. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 37, wherein ~~R₂ is C₄-C₂₀ aryl~~ [[:]] and R₃ is methoxy.

44. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 37, wherein ~~R₂ is C₄-C₂₀ aryl~~ [[:]] and R₃ is ethoxy.

45. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 37, wherein ~~R₂ is C₄-C₂₀ aryl~~ [[:]] and R₃ is amino.

46. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 37, wherein ~~R₂ is C₄-C₂₀ aryl~~ [[:]] and R₃ is dimethylamino.

47. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 37 ~~any of claims 38-46~~, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, 4-(fluorophenyl), 3-(fluorophenyl), 2-(fluorophenyl), 4-(chlorophenyl), 3-(chlorophenyl), 2-(chlorophenyl), 4-(methylphenyl), 3-(methylphenyl), 2-(methylphenyl), 4-(methoxyphenyl), 3-(methoxyphenyl), 2-(methoxyphenyl), 4-(ethoxyphenyl), 3-(ethoxyphenyl), 2-(ethoxyphenyl), 4-(vinylphenyl), 4-(acetylphenyl), 3-(acetylphenyl), 2-(acetylphenyl), 4-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 3-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 4-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 3-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 4-(methylthiophenyl), 4-(*tert*-butylphenyl), 4-(dimethylaminophenyl), 4-(ethylphenyl), 4-(benzoxyphephenyl), 4-(biphenyl), 2-furanyl, 2-(thiophenyl), 2-(5-methylthiophenyl), 3-(thiophenyl), 2-(indolyl), 1-(naphthalenyl), 2-(naphthalenyl), 4-(dibenzofuranyl), 1-(thianthrenyl), 2,3-(dichlorophenyl), 2,5-(dichlorophenyl), 3,4-(dichlorophenyl), 3,5-(dichlorophenyl), 2,3-(difluorophenyl), 2,4-(difluorophenyl), 2,5-(difluorophenyl), 2,6-(difluorophenyl), 3,4-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(dibromophenyl), 3,5-(bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl), 2,3-(dimethylphenyl), 2,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,6-(dimethylphenyl), 3,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,5-(dimethoxyphenyl), 3,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,3,4-(trimethoxyphenyl), 2,4,6-(trifluorophenyl), and 2,3,4,5,6-(pentafluorophenyl).

48. (Cancelled).

49. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 37, wherein the compound is N-(2-(5-methoxy-2-methoxyphenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acetamide.

50. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 37, wherein the compound is N-(2-(5-methoxy-2-p-tolyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acetamide.

51. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 37, wherein the compound is N-(2-(2-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acetamide.

52. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 37, wherein the compound is N-(2-(2-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acetamide.

53. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 37, wherein the compound is N-(2-(2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acetamide.

Claims 54 and 55. (Cancelled).

56. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 37 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

57. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim ~~38~~ 47 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

58. (Currently Amended) ~~The A pharmaceutical composition of claim 57,~~
~~wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises~~ comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nanoparticles of the compound of claim 37 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

59. (Currently Amended) ~~The A pharmaceutical composition of claim 58,~~
~~wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises~~ comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nanoparticles of the compound of claim ~~38~~ 47 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

60. (Currently Amended) ~~The A pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~57~~ 56,~~
~~wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises~~ comprising an anesthetic inducing effective amount of the compound of claim 37 and a pharmaceutically acceptable anesthetic carrier.

61. (Currently Amended) ~~The A pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~58~~ 57,~~
~~wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises~~ comprising an anesthetic inducing effective amount of the compound of claim ~~38~~ 47 and a pharmaceutically acceptable anesthetic carrier.

Claims 62-72. (Cancelled).

73. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 37, wherein R₂ is a substituted C₄-C₂₀ aryl.

74. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 73, wherein the substituted C₄-C₂₀ aryl is substituted by one or more of halogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, thiol, alkylthiol, hydroxyl, -CHO, -NO₂, phenyl, vinyl, -CN, Si(CH₃)₃, -OCH₂O-, or combinations thereof.

75. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~72~~ 47, wherein R₂ is a substituted C₄-C₂₀ aryl.

76. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 75, wherein the substituted C₄-C₂₀ aryl is substituted by one of more of halogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, thiol, alkylthiol, hydroxyl, -CHO, -NO₂, phenyl, vinyl, -CN, Si(CH₃)₃, -OCH₂O-, or combinations thereof.

77. (New) The compound of claim 43, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, 4-(fluorophenyl), 3-(fluorophenyl), 2-(fluorophenyl), 4-(chlorophenyl), 3-(chlorophenyl), 2-(chlorophenyl), 4-(methylphenyl), 3-(methylphenyl), 2-(methylphenyl), 4-(methoxyphenyl), 3-(methoxyphenyl), 2-(methoxyphenyl), 4-(ethoxyphenyl), 3-(ethoxyphenyl), 2-(ethoxyphenyl), 4-(vinylphenyl), 4-(acetylphenyl), 3-(acetylphenyl), 2-(acetylphenyl), 4-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 3-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 4-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 3-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 4-(methylthiophenyl), 4-(*tert*-butylphenyl), 4-(dimethylaminophenyl), 4-(ethylphenyl), 4-(benzoxyphephenyl), 4-(biphenyl), 2-furanyl, 2-(thiophenyl), 2-(5-methylthiophenyl), 3-(thiophenyl), 2-(indolyl), 1-(naphthalenyl), 2-(naphthalenyl), 4-(dibenzofuranyl), 1-(thianthrenyl), 2,3-(dichlorophenyl), 2,5-(dichlorophenyl), 3,4-(dichlorophenyl), 3,5-(dichlorophenyl), 2,3-(difluorophenyl), 2,4-(difluorophenyl), 2,5-(difluorophenyl), 2,6-(difluorophenyl), 3,4-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(dibromophenyl), 3,5-(bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl), 2,3-(dimethylphenyl), 2,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,6-(dimethylphenyl), 3,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,5-(dimethoxyphenyl), 3,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,3,4-(trimethoxyphenyl), 2,4,6-(trifluorophenyl), and 2,3,4,5,6-(pentafluorophenyl).

78. (New) The compound of claim 44, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, 4-(fluorophenyl), 3-(fluorophenyl), 2-(fluorophenyl), 4-(chlorophenyl), 3-(chlorophenyl), 2-(chlorophenyl), 4-(methylphenyl), 3-(methylphenyl), 2-(methylphenyl), 4-(methoxyphenyl), 3-(methoxyphenyl), 2-(methoxyphenyl), 4-(ethoxyphenyl),

3-(ethoxyphenyl), 2-(ethoxyphenyl), 4-(vinylphenyl), 4-(acetylphenyl), 3-(acetylphenyl), 2-(acetylphenyl), 4-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 3-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 4-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 3-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 4-(methylthiophenyl), 4-(*tert*-butylphenyl), 4-(dimethylaminophenyl), 4-(ethylphenyl), 4-(benzoxypyphenyl), 4-(biphenyl), 2-furanyl, 2-(thiophenyl), 2-(5-methylthiophenyl), 3-(thiophenyl), 2-(indolyl), 1-(naphthalenyl), 2-(naphthalenyl), 4-(dibenzofuranyl), 1-(thianthrenyl), 2,3-(dichlorophenyl), 2,5-(dichlorophenyl), 3,4-(dichlorophenyl), 3,5-(dichlorophenyl), 2,3-(difluorophenyl), 2,4-(difluorophenyl), 2,5-(difluorophenyl), 2,6-(difluorophenyl), 3,4-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(dibromophenyl), 3,5-(bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl), 2,3-(dimethylphenyl), 2,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,6-(dimethylphenyl), 3,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,5-(dimethoxyphenyl), 3,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,3,4-(trimethoxyphenyl), 2,4,6-(trifluorophenyl), and 2,3,4,5,6-(pentafluorophenyl).

79. (New) The compound of claim 45, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, 4-(fluorophenyl), 3-(fluorophenyl), 2-(fluorophenyl), 4-(chlorophenyl), 3-(chlorophenyl), 2-(chlorophenyl), 4-(methylphenyl), 3-(methylphenyl), 2-(methylphenyl), 4-(methoxyphenyl), 3-(methoxyphenyl), 2-(methoxyphenyl), 4-(ethoxyphenyl), 3-(ethoxyphenyl), 2-(ethoxyphenyl), 4-(vinylphenyl), 4-(acetylphenyl), 3-(acetylphenyl), 2-(acetylphenyl), 4-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 3-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 4-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 3-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 4-(methylthiophenyl), 4-(*tert*-butylphenyl), 4-(dimethylaminophenyl), 4-(ethylphenyl), 4-(benzoxypyphenyl), 4-(biphenyl), 2-furanyl, 2-(thiophenyl), 2-(5-methylthiophenyl), 3-(thiophenyl), 2-(indolyl), 1-(naphthalenyl), 2-(naphthalenyl), 4-(dibenzofuranyl), 1-(thianthrenyl), 2,3-(dichlorophenyl), 2,5-(dichlorophenyl), 3,4-(dichlorophenyl), 3,5-(dichlorophenyl), 2,3-(difluorophenyl), 2,4-(difluorophenyl), 2,5-(difluorophenyl), 2,6-(difluorophenyl), 3,4-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(dibromophenyl), 3,5-(bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl), 2,3-(dimethylphenyl), 2,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,6-(dimethylphenyl), 3,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,5-(dimethoxyphenyl), 3,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,3,4-(trimethoxyphenyl), 2,4,6-(trifluorophenyl), and 2,3,4,5,6-(pentafluorophenyl).

80. (New) The compound of claim 46, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, 4-(fluorophenyl), 3-(fluorophenyl), 2-(fluorophenyl), 4-(chlorophenyl), 3-(chlorophenyl), 2-(chlorophenyl), 4-(methylphenyl), 3-(methylphenyl), 2-(methylphenyl),

4-(methoxyphenyl), 3-(methoxyphenyl), 2-(methoxyphenyl), 4-(ethoxyphenyl), 3-(ethoxyphenyl), 2-(ethoxyphenyl), 4-(vinylphenyl), 4-(acetylphenyl), 3-(acetylphenyl), 2-(acetylphenyl), 4-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 3-(trifluoromethylphenyl), 4-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 3-(trimethylsilylphenyl), 4-(methylthiophenyl), 4-(*tert*-butylphenyl), 4-(dimethylaminophenyl), 4-(ethylphenyl), 4-(benzoxyphephenyl), 4-(biphenyl), 2-furanyl, 2-(thiophenyl), 2-(5-methylthiophenyl), 3-(thiophenyl), 2-(indolyl), 1-(naphthalenyl), 2-(naphthalenyl), 4-(dibenzofuranyl), 1-(thianthrenyl), 2,3-(dichlorophenyl), 2,5-(dichlorophenyl), 3,4-(dichlorophenyl), 3,5-(dichlorophenyl), 2,3-(difluorophenyl), 2,4-(difluorophenyl), 2,5-(difluorophenyl), 2,6-(difluorophenyl), 3,4-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(difluorophenyl), 3,5-(dibromophenyl), 3,5-(bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl), 2,3-(dimethylphenyl), 2,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,6-(dimethylphenyl), 3,5-(dimethylphenyl), 2,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,5-(dimethoxyphenyl), 3,4-(dimethoxyphenyl), 2,3,4-(trimethoxyphenyl), 2,4,6-(trifluorophenyl), and 2,3,4,5,6-(pentafluorophenyl).

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.